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CAMPUS



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Craig Misajet came to UM after serving in the Marine Corps for five years and is majoring in history education. Misajet said the University is implementing a new federal standard in assisting individuals using the VETS office educational benefits to get a degree.

UM redesigns advising for Veterans

Katheryn Houghton
Montana Kaimin

In 2009, Craig Misajet entered Iraq as a marine in the Kilo Company. In 2010, he landed in Afghanistan as a member of the Second Marine Division. And in 2012, he joined the University of Montana as a major in history education.

For the first time, Misajet will mandatorily enter an adviser's office to outline his graduation plan — or else he will not receive the money from his veterans educational benefits.

The advising is to ensure VA students stay on track for graduation and take classes that apply to their degree, said Shawn

Grove, UM Veterans Education and Transition Services office director.

Grove said the policy change is a delayed response to a 2012 presidential mandate that outlined what educational institutions have to do to provide service members and their families with support during college.

It has always been a requirement for students who receive education benefits to take courses that apply to their degree; it has never been required to outline what that looks like, he said.

While UM agreed to what is known as the Principles of Excellence, very few steps were

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ASUM to identify departments in need of support

Jordan Purinton
Montana Kaimin

The Associated Students of the University of Montana postponed a resolution urging the University to secure teaching positions at its Wednesday meeting. The body will identify which departments are most important to UM in the coming week.

The resolution, authored by Sen. Nico Heimlich-Bowler, recognized that many departments across campus have expressed concern regarding their fiscal situation. The bill stated that many staff positions are not being filled, leaving students with fewer course options, according to the resolution.

While the original bill did not identify any specific departments, ASUM deemed it necessary to postpone the bill for a week to identify the positions and departments most vital to UM students.

"We can't just keep telling the (administration) that we can't cut anything," said ASUM President Asa Hohman. "The heart of this resolution is honorable, but unfortunately, we're in a budgetary crisis right now."

Sen. Heimlich-Bowler said

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MISSOULA

Coffee Wars: Florence Coffee loses location to competition

Kaci Felstet
Montana Kaimin

Loose Caboose is opening a new kiosk outside the old Sweetheart Bakery building on South Reserve Street.

Florence Coffee Co. had been in the location for about

four years until they were unexpectedly forced off the property in mid-April. Stockman Bank bought the property at the beginning of the year and has signed a 10-year lease with Loose Caboose.

The property had been for sale since the bakery went out

of business more than a year ago.

Malcolm Lowe, owner of Loose Caboose, said he had been looking for a location to serve people from the Linda Vista, Miller Creek and Bitter-root areas.

Another big selling point

was that Loose Caboose would get a small section of the building as a warehouse and office space. Aaron's, a furniture store, is moving into the building but didn't want all of the space, so it was a perfect fit for Loose Caboose, Lowe said.

"It solved all my needs,"

Lowe said.

Ed Coffman, Lowe's real estate agent, said Loose Caboose is paying more than three times what Florence Coffee was, mainly because Lowe agreed to lease part of the building.

"It was a good opportunity
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ZEN COLUMN

THE SPARK INSIDE

Secrets of living

By Lee Gordon

All good things must come to a new beginning. Recently my editor told me: "We only have a couple issues left. If there's anything you have really wanted to write about, now's the time." What follows is my belief, take it or leave it. Contemplate it and see if it resonates within.

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." (Psalm 121:7-8)

Origen, an early Christian theologian, believed souls existed in Heaven before being born. Plato similarly argued that our knowledge of ideals result from our knowledge prior to our birth. From Parmenides, "Ex nihilo nihil fit" — nothing comes from nothing.

Many Buddhist Masters ask a simple question of soon-to-be monks and nuns before they are admitted. "Do you believe in reincarnation?" A "no" response often means the pupil is not admitted in that lifetime. They are not yet ready.

Our brains are evolutionarily wired to use dopamine to propel our desires, and opioids to reward us for attaining them. Like it or not, we have evolved as reactionary creatures of basic desires tempered by culture and learning.

This is our history, but it does not have to be our future. The greatest game changer to a life of endless action and reaction, turbulent emotions and hoping for an eternity of whatever, is the realization of the truth of reincarnation.

From an encounter with my father's spirit, to what I have been taught both in books and in person, one thing resonates strong, clear and true: It's foolish to think the game is up when our breath ends and wise to open the mind, wide enough to consider that there may be more than just one life and afterlife. Stereotypes aside, can anyone really say for certain that they are not already in an afterlife?

The magic of reincarnation is it slowly but surely imbues every facet of a person's life with an ever-increasing and compassionate wisdom. Every living thing is recognized as a close relative from a past life, another figurative "me" simply existing under different circumstances.

We take countless literal miracles every day for granted. The astrophysical and biological "just so's" that make our existence possible, easily number beyond practical count.

Spiritually speaking, this human life of yours is immeasurably valuable, a mix of pleasure and pain from which we can quickly learn to transcend. It is time to stop distracting yourself from who you really are. It is time to give that spark buried deep within your heart some tinder. Om Mani Padme Hum.

As the poet Robert Service wrote in "Each Day a Life": "And when the sunset splendours wane, and ripe for rest am I, knowing that I will live again, exultantly I die."

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LETTERS
to the EDITORQUESTIONS FOR
COAL TRAIN PROTESTORS

On April 26, environmental groups are planning events in several Montana cities intended to encourage support for eliminating coal, oil and natural gas from Montana's and the nation's energy portfolio.

Most of us can agree that

our nation needs to be a leader in developing technology to reduce overall emissions in order to address climate change. But very few Montanans would be prepared to accept the radical, life-altering consequences that would result from following what these groups are suggesting.

Rather than raise awareness for an issue that's been a leading headline for years, wouldn't it be better if these environmental groups used their April 26 rallies to answer a few

questions? They certainly owe us an explanation if we're to put any trust in their agenda.

Where would we get the energy to replace coal, oil and natural gas? According to U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) data, fossil fuels accounted for 84 percent of American energy consumption in 2013. Nuclear provided 8 percent, and renewables, including hydropower, the remaining 8 percent.

Over the next 25 years, the
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When Meb Keflizighi ran down Boylston Street to win the 2014 Boston Marathon, I couldn't believe how truly raw and rare the moment was.

I sat watching the race from the finish line camera, eyes transfixed on the 38-year-old American runner who became the first American man since 1983 to win the world's oldest marathon. Once he crossed the tape, a woman rushed over to squeeze him in a bear hug and knocked off his sunglasses. I wanted to do the same thing.

Minutes later, I went for a run with my roommate. I couldn't stop thinking about that moment. Why did I feel so strongly? Was it because I was a runner? Or maybe I was just a proud patriot?

Then I thought about the other times I've celebrated a sports victory. I remember embracing a complete stranger wearing a Colorado Rockies shirt after Carlos Gonzalez nailed a walk-off home run. I remember dancing in Duniway Hall after Austin Rivers popped a 3-pointer to up-

set North Carolina in 2012.

But when I saw my janky, blue Panasonic bike — yes, Panasonic made bikes — I remembered my 2013 Boston Marathon moment.

A week after bombs exploded at the 2013 race, I rode my bike down to McCormick Park to cover a benefit race for Boston Marathon victims by Run Wild Missoula and Runner's Edge. More than 500 people — many dressed in assorted Boston gear — came out to support a city 2,000 miles away.

One lady designed and sold shirts with all proceeds going to One Fund Boston. Big Dipper donated ice cream and Big Sky Brewing brought the beer. Everyone provided the energy.

At the time, the race and the people affected by the bombs were faceless strangers to these Missoula runners. But their ac-

tions made it seem like they were close friends.

The benefit race itself was simple. No times were recorded, and runners could go as long as they wished before heading back to McCormick Park.

Across the country, similar benefit races and charity events happened to support victims. But there was something about seeing a race like this live.

The selflessness struck me. A year later, watching miles away on a computer screen, I knew Keflizighi's race would stick with me for years to come. His win put the perfect end to a yearlong struggle to reclaim America's greatest marathon.

But it wasn't just Keflizighi or Boston that triumphed on Monday — it was everyone.

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THE SHOOTAROUND

A perfect finish

By Austin Schempp

CORRECTIONS:

1) In an article titled "Police target human trafficking in Montana," the Kaimin misattributed a statistic about international human-trafficking rates to Carla Croft. The statistic was in fact an estimate from a 2007 report by the U.S. State Department.

2) In an article titled "ASUM plan seeks to combine sustainability positions," the Kaimin stated that the student government plans on cutting the paid position and maintaining a graduate position, when in fact it is keeping the paid position and cutting the graduate position.

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COAL
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EIA projects that renewable energy will grow enough to supply 10 percent of our domestic energy needs, and the fossil fuel portion of the mix will remain virtually the same as it is today.

The takeaway from these numbers is that the alternative energy technology that exists today can meet only a small portion of our energy demands. Even over the next two decades as we continue to put massive taxpayer subsidies into alternative energy, the growth potential in those technologies is very limited.

So the question remains: If we eliminate coal, oil and natural gas, where do we get the energy we need to power our lives and economy?

And if we can't replace fossil fuel energy, are these groups suggesting that we severely cut back on the energy we use? Should we ration electricity to just a few hours a day? Do we

prohibit people from owning cars? What do we do with energy-intensive industries like manufacturing and agriculture?

How do we get energy to the 1 billion people in the world without electricity? Addressing energy consumption in the United States is one thing, but it's an enormous challenge in the developing world. Currently 1 billion people in the world live without electricity, and another 2.5 billion people live with what is considered inadequate energy.

Those 3.5 billion people who live in energy poverty don't just miss out on the latest smartphones and electric cars. They don't receive proper health care or education, and they're extremely limited in mobility and economic opportunities.

It's impractical, and stunningly arrogant, to suggest the world's poorest people should have access to only the most expensive sources of energy. That's why demand for coal has

been so strong in developing counties — it's the most economical way to bring energy to the people who need it most.

In the absence of affordable energy supplied through fossil fuels, are environmental groups proposing to relegate almost half of the world's population to permanent energy poverty?

The radical agenda of the "keep it in the ground" movement is well-intentioned but very poorly thought out. But fortunately we don't need to

go to their extreme to solve the challenges of climate change — we can do it by developing technology, like carbon capture and storage, that substantially reduces emissions. The question is: Why are so many environmental groups still opposed to improving clean-coal technology?

To maintain our quality of life and elevate more of the world's population to modernity means we will burn increasing amounts of coal over the

coming decades. The solutions we seek for the dual problems of climate change and energy poverty need to be rooted in reality, not idealism. The radical agenda of the environmental groups rallying on April 26 simply leave too many questions unanswered.

Shelby DeMars is a spokesperson for Count on Coal Montana, a statewide campaign to make Montanans aware of the benefits of the abundant coal resources in our state.

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By Jeffrey Wechsler

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13 Money drawer

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31 Apparel sometimes protested

32 Chicken paprikash, e.g.

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UM student receives prestigious award

Senior becomes UM's third Truman scholar in last three years

Peregrine Frissell

Montana Kaimin

University of Montana student Mara Menahan joined the likes of Janet Napolitano, Bill de Blasio and Susan Rice when she was recognized by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation as an outstanding student leader.

Menahan received a Truman Scholarship for her achievements at UM. She is the third recipient from the University in the past three years, said Laure Pengelly Drake, director of external scholarships and advising at the Davidson Honors College.

A senior from Helena, Menahan is double-majoring in geography and environmental studies, with minors in climate change studies and wilderness studies. She is particularly interested in scientific illustration.

As a winner of the scholarship, Menahan is eligible to receive up to \$30,000 to fund her graduate studies, and can spend a minimum of eight weeks interning for a government organization of her choice in Washington D.C.

The foundation received 655 applications this year from 294 institutions. Only about 50 awards are handed out each year.

The application process began with a series of essays about topics like the applicant's leadership experience and career aspirations.

Once Menahan was accepted into the next round, she was flown to Seattle for what she said was one of the most intense interviews of her life.

"It was pretty tough. They asked me more than 20 questions in 20 minutes," Menahan said. "It really tests you and puts you under pressure."

The interviewers were experts in visual communication and community planning, the area Menahan hopes to go into.

Menahan credited several professors from UM for their role in her education, particularly climate change studies professor Nicky Phear.

"She's pioneered the CCS program," Menahan said. "And I think she does really unique things in the realm of education and helping people engage in climate change in all these unique ways. I really admire Nicky."

She said environmental studies professor Dan Spencer helped along the way. Menahan took a class from Spencer freshman year and said he has been a true mentor ever since.

"Dan Spencer, same thing. The ways that he takes such a holistic approach to teaching," Menahan said. "Dan's just so devoted to his undergrads."

Menahan will graduate next December after she travels to Vietnam with Phear and the climate change studies department. She hopes to travel for a few months before beginning her internship in Washington and applying for graduate school.

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Hunter D'Antuono/Montana Kaimin

Mara Menahan, a Davidson Honors College student majoring in environmental studies and geography, is UM's 14th Truman Scholar. The prestigious national scholarship awards students up to \$30,000 and priority admission to graduate programs.

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taken from there.

"It's something we should have been doing as soon as we agreed to the Principles of Excellence in 2012," Grove said. "This was just one of those aspects where we weren't really filling the requirement."

Every year, Veterans Affairs or a state entity audits universities, with more than 300 VA students, to ensure they are receiving the assistance they need.

For the first time this audit will include a checklist for the Principles of Excellence. While there was work being done on the principles in the fall, it didn't get traction until the audit updates were announced, Grove said.

UM's departments have stepped up to make sure every VA student has an adviser who can work with their individual majors. More than 40 advisers around campus will work with the roughly 450 VA students to determine their graduation plans.

Grove said while it is a step taken out of necessity, he expects the University will expand degree plans to service members who are not on UM's radar yet, but who deserve support.

"We are trying to help them use their benefits wisely, to be there for our veterans, and their children and spouses, and make sure to connect them to resources on campus," he said.

Misajet, the president of the Student Veterans of America's Missoula chapter, is one of the over a million American veterans who decided to take advantage of either the Post-9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill, according to the National Student Clearinghouse.

Veterans have almost an invisible roadblock when coming from conflict to campus,

he said.

VA students can feel like an outsider when compared to their younger peers, who often can't relate to the radically different experience of being a soldier, he said. This feeling can result in VA students focusing on drinking and hanging out with old friends — not college, Misajet said.

The mandatory advising could make graduation seem more possible.

"Maybe they don't know why they came to college, but they weren't sure what to do after the military and they liked this place of awesome skiing and hiking and thought, 'the government is going to pay for it anyway,'" he said. "This is kind of a way to say, 'Hey, you are actually here for a reason, we do want you to graduate, since you did a four year enlistment to earn these benefits.'"

Veterans have 36 months of educational benefits to use within the first 15 years they are out of active service. Though that may sound like plenty of time to graduate, some students choose to pick up a second major or choose a degree that could take a few extra years, Misajet said.

Undeclared students have two semesters to declare a major, but they can change it at any point.

Misajet said requiring veterans to outline their path in college is a way to stay focused. Its not meaningless policy, he said.

"When they see a veteran, it means guaranteed money and at the end of the day it's a business so they don't really care all that much," he said. "While the government obviously wants to make sure the money is used wisely, I truly believe they are trying to look out for the individual and their veterans."

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CAMPUS

Kaimin selects 2014-15 leaders

Brea Gaudioso

Montana Kaimin

Last week, the Montana Kaimin welcomed Ric Sanchez as 2014-15 editor-in-chief and Nick McKinney as the returning business manager.

Both were selected by the ASUM Publications Board.

Sanchez, an employee at the Kaimin, has served in several positions over the past two years, and said he is excited to spend his senior year as editor-in-chief for the paper, his second home.

Sanchez, who originally thought he was destined for reporting, said he found his passion for editing while working for the Kaimin.

"It's something I was familiar with because my mom was a copy editor for a really long time," he said. "More than writing, I've found I like making other people's writing better."

Sanchez said his passion for journalism comes from his love of telling people's truths.

"I think truth is very valuable, and I like that journalists try to be objective," he said.

He said he also hopes to help the Kaimin evolve alongside the field

of journalism, which demands quicker news output from news organizations than ever before.

"I plan on helping to change the Kaimin culture to think less of itself as a newspaper, and more of a live news organization," he said.

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Ric Sanchez

2014-15 editor-in-chief

Sanchez and the rest of the Kaimin staff will work alongside McKinney.

McKinney, a junior political science major, will return in the fall for his second year as the paper's business manager. He said last year was filled with a ton of lessons

and new experiences.

"I liked being able to work with the newspaper side, trying to figure out how we can make the paper work, how we can market it better, what we can do to make the Missoula community realize that we are around and important," he said.


McKinney said he feels continuity is important and he wanted to continue the work he started with the Kaimin.

Over the past year, he worked to help the Montana Kaimin join the Montana Newspaper Association and the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, McKinney said.

"If we have a stable staff for a couple of years, it will give us the opportunity to try new things so that we are not falling back over and over," McKinney said. "It will also continue to improve the stuff we've worked on this year and make it better."


McKinney and Sanchez will start their duties as 2014-15 business manager and editor-in-chief after the last publication of the semester is printed on May 2.

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GOLF

Griz finish fourth at BSC tournament

Jesse Flickinger

Montana Kaimin

The Montana women's golf team finished fourth at the Big Sky Conference Championships at the Ocotillo Golf Resort in Chandler, Ariz., on Tuesday.

The Grizzlies shot 304 in the final round to move from fifth to fourth place after their second round of play Monday. Last year the Griz finished eighth at the conference championships.

Portland State captured the championship, winning their seventh title in the last 12 years. Montana hasn't won a championship since 2006 and has not finished in the top three since.

Freshman Barbora Bakova (77-80-72—229) ended the tournament as Montana's top performer. She shot a final-round 72 to finish in a tie for 11th overall.

Bakova's strong performance on Tuesday helped salvage a tough first two days in Arizona. She started out tied for 24th before the final round began.

Her final-round 72 was the best round shot by any of Montana's players during the tournament.

Bakova's top finish marks the first time since 2001 that the Grizzlies didn't place an individual in the top 10.

Freshman Alexa Schendelman (79-79-76—234) and sophomore Hayley Bingham (74-76-84—234) both tied for 18th. Junior Tara Green (76-79-80—235) finished 21st overall.

Bingham went into the final round tied for sixth, but a poor stretch on the front nine knocked her back during her final day. Green shot well her first day but struggled in the second and third rounds.

Schendelman was the only Montana player to shoot three rounds in the 70s. Montana scored a mark of 79 or higher on its team total on each round during the championship.

Montana will graduate its only senior, Lindsay Reeve (82-82-76—240) who tied for 34th. Bakova, Schendelman, Bingham and Green will return to the Griz next season.

Sophomore Phoebe Tan and freshman Amanda Kahn will help fill the lineup for next year along with Hailey Hoagland, who signed a letter of intent this past November.

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Freshman Amanda Kahn practices at the Missoula Country Club driving range on April 16. The Grizzlies finished in fourth place at the Big Sky Conference Championships on Tuesday.

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she spoke with three different students who were “literally stuck” due to courses no longer being offered.

Eleanore Eberts, an anthropology major, said she ran into problems when signing up for classes.

“I’m finding now that some of the upper-level division credits don’t have teachers, and even the lower credit ones too,” Eberts said. “This is a big concern, and UM should be concerned as well.”

Hohman said despite concerns, the University is in the business of graduating people.

“I assure you, if there’s a student that is one class away from graduating, the University will work with them to graduate in the major that they choose,” Hohman said. “I promise you guys, the University isn’t just saying, ‘Hey, you were one class away, and now you’re just going to float around here.’ That’s not going to happen.”

ASUM eventually agreed to revise the bill to see which programs are most in need of support.

ASUM also voted down a resolution to allow senators elected next year to qualify for three general-purpose credit hours for each semester they serve as a senator.

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MONTANA

Governor weighs in on Beach’s clemency application

Associated Press

Gov. Steve Bullock asked the state parole board Wednesday to consider whether Barry Beach has served enough time in prison as the board prepares to review Beach’s clemency application in the 1979 beating death of a Poplar classmate.

Bullock sent the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole a letter before Tuesday’s scheduled review on whether the circumstances had changed enough in Beach’s case to merit a clemency hearing.

In his letter, Bullock cited factors he said deserve the board’s consideration of commuting the 100-year sentence. They include Beach being a juvenile at the time of the slaying, his being imprisoned for more than 30 years, his good behavior in prison and when he was freed for 18 months starting in 2011 while awaiting a new trial.

Beach and Kimberly Nees were high-school classmates on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. The U.S. Supreme Court in 2012 ruled that juvenile offenders can’t be sentenced to life in prison without parole, and that they have the ability to change, Bullock wrote.

“Under this reasoning, Mr. Beach should have an opportunity for rehabilitation outside of prison,” Bullock wrote. “The reasons for maintaining Mr. Beach’s 100-years-without-parole sentence at taxpayer expense diminish with each passing year.”

But Bullock stopped short of expressly advocating for a clemency recommendation. “If the hearing panel decides to forward a recommendation of clemency, I will carefully consider that recommendation,” he wrote.

Beach has long argued that the 1983 confession used to convict him was coerced by police officers in Louisiana. His cause has been taken up by hundreds of supporters, among them Democratic U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, former Gov. Brian Schweitzer and former Republican U.S. Sen. Conrad Burns.

Bullock has previously said it would be inappropriate for him to offer an opinion on Beach’s request before the process plays out.

The governor’s letter was unusual in other respects. Board Executive Director Fern Johnson said she cannot recall any other time a sitting governor has weighed in on a parole board case before it reached his desk.

Also, Bullock helped put Beach back in prison after a Lewistown judge ruled in 2011 there was enough new evidence in the case to justify a new trial and ordered him released. Witnesses told the judge that Nees might have been beaten to death in an out-of-control fight among a gang of girls.

Bullock, who was attorney general at the time, appealed that decision to the Montana Supreme Court. The high court reversed the lower judge, and Beach went back to jail to finish his term.

The board is meeting Tuesday to review Beach’s clemency application and decide whether there has been a substantial change in Beach’s circumstances to accept it. If they do, they will order an investigation to determine whether to hold a clemency hearing.

The board would then decide whether to recommend clemency to Bullock, who has the final say.

Johnson said she forwarded Bullock’s letter to the board members. “I know they will read it and consider it,” she said.

The parole board in 2007 denied Beach a recommendation for a gubernatorial pardon.

MONTANA

Group sues to reclassify Montana bear population

Associated Press

A conservation group is suing the federal government for failing to reclassify a small population of grizzly bears as endangered.

The estimated 42 Cabinet-Yaak grizzly bears in northwestern Montana are considered a threatened species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last year issued a decision that said changing the bears’ status from threatened to endangered was warranted but precluded by higher-priority species.

The Alliance for the Wild Rockies says in its lawsuit filed Tuesday the population needs to be at least 100 to be considered viable.

The group says an endangered species classification would require federal officials to designate critical habitat for the bears to aid with their recovery.

The lawsuit argues the “endangered-but-precluded” designation is a loophole that allows federal officials to delay their obligations.

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ASUM is requesting a \$2.00 per student activity fee increase to maintain the current services offered by ASUM Childcare and to implement a new infant care center for infants aged 0-18 months, which does not currently exist at the University of Montana.

ASUM is seeking to change Article 8, Sections 2 of the ASUM constitution to remove the committee composition of the Board on Budget and Finance. The composition wording would remain in ASUM Bylaws.

ASUM is seeking to remove the petition signature-gathering requirement for running for ASUM elected office.

ASUM is seeking student approval to bring the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF) Committee, which oversees the optional sustainability fee, under direct ASUM supervision.

ASUM is seeking to lower the total number of ASUM Senate seats from 26 to 20.

If you have any questions or are looking to gather information regarding any of these referenda, please contact Mike Hopkins, Chairman of the Elections Committee, at asum.businessmgr@mso.umt.edu or by phone at (406) 531-1775.

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for everyone concerned," Coffman said.

The owners of Florence Coffee Co. would disagree.

Rachel Tamblyn, co-owner of Florence Coffee Co., said they just found out Loose Caboose was moving into the spot last Wednesday.

"We're pretty devastated," Tamblyn said.

When Stockman Bank bought the land, Florence Coffee was renting month-to-month with the hope of signing a long-term lease with the new owners, Tamblyn said.

"We tried contacting but nobody would call us back and we just got the runaround for a couple months," Tamblyn said. "So what went on, we have no idea."

One of the reasons Tamblyn may have had trouble contacting the owner is because Stockman Bank had a confidentiality agreement with its

real estate agent, so the agent couldn't say who owned the property, Coffman said.

Coffman said he found out about the property last fall when people from Stockman Bank said they were planning to buy it.

It was this knowledge that allowed Loose Caboose to sign a lease on the property rather than Florence Coffee, Coffman said.

"If your location is important, you need to make sure your lease is secure," Coffman said.

Since Florence Coffee didn't sign a lease, there was no legal obligation to let them stay on the property, Coffman said.

Florence Coffee is upset with Stockman Bank for not giving them a chance to keep the location.

"We've lost nights of sleep over this," Tamblyn said.

They wouldn't have given up that location without a fight, if they had known what was going on, Tamblyn said.

Lowe said he didn't know Florence Coffee was unaware of the proceedings, and that disclosure to him about it would have been inappropriate.

"I was offered this lease, and it wasn't really my job to find out what the background was on it," Lowe said.

Tricia Hansen, marketing officer for Stockman Bank, said in an email response that neither the bank nor its realtors had any ill intent toward Florence Coffee, and that it was just normal business.

"Loose Caboose was who the realtors chose to do business with and who they signed to a long-term lease for Stockman's property," Hansen wrote. "Every business loses leases that are important to them. Here, the fact that Loose Caboose is their major competitor makes that loss even harder."

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